

Appl. No. 10/025,706

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed on April 20, 2004. Entry of this Amendment and reconsideration of the instant application in view thereof are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6, 8 and 10-17 are pending. Claims 1-5, 16 and 17 have been canceled. Claims 6, 8, and 10-15 are allowed.

Claim Rejections

In view of the above amendments, the rejections of claims 1-5 and 16-17 are moot.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

It is believed that entry of this Amendment does not require payment of any additional claim fees. Notwithstanding, Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge any additional claim fees deemed required for entry of the this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 18-1850.

Respectfully submitted,



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